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In re application of

Tasuku HONJO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/674,330

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Confirmation No.: 5233

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kerr, K.

For: A POLYPEPTIDE, A cDNA ENCODING THE POLYPEPTIDE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 18, 2002, to February 18, 2002. As the U.S. Federal Government was closed on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, due to record snow falls in Washington D.C., the due date for response is automatically extended to Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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